

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior version, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

We claim:

1. (currently amended) A method of enrolling at least one given conferee to receive conferencing services, the method comprising at least the following:

receiving at least one request from the given conferee via a telecommunications device to enroll in conferencing services;

providing data stores of a system populated with at least one access information data unique to and necessary to admit the conferee to enroll in the conferencing services;

~~populating~~ receiving, via the telecommunications device, at least one unique identifier distinctive to the conferee provided as at least one input to the data stores of the system, wherein the at least one unique identifier is a physical or virtual location from which the given conference call host can initiate communications to access conferencing services and with at least one unique identifier distinctive to the conferee, wherein the at least one unique identifier can be cross-referenced with a plurality of unique identifiers distinctive to and associated with the conferee stored in the data stores of the system;

configuring at least one component of ~~[[a]]~~ the system related to supporting the at least one given conferencing service to connect the given conferee directly to the given conferencing service in response to recognition of at least one of the access information and the at least one unique identifier in the data stores of the system; and

extracting the at least one identifier from determined by an output of the data stores of the system based on the received input, wherein if the at least one identifier from the data stores of the system matches the at least one access information from the data stores of the system, the conferee is able to enroll in the conferencing services.

2. (original) The method of claim 1, wherein receiving at least one request from the given conferee includes receiving a request from a host to enroll in conferencing services.

3. (original) The method of claim 1, wherein receiving at least one request from the given conferee includes receiving a request from a participant associated with a given enrolled conference call host.
4. (original) The method of claim 1, wherein receiving data representing at least one unique identifier includes obtaining data representing at least one voice print of the conferee.
5. (original) The method of claim 1, wherein receiving data representing at least one unique identifier includes obtaining data representing at least one voice print of the conferee when the conferee enrolls to receive conferencing services.
6. (original) The method of claim 1, wherein receiving data representing at least one unique identifier includes obtaining data representing at least one of an e-mail address, a Universal Resource Locator, a browser cookie, an IP address, and an SIP address.
7. (original) The method of claim 1, wherein receiving data representing at least one unique identifier includes obtaining data representing at least one biometric parameter associated with the conferee.
8. (currently amended) A method of enrolling at least one given conference call host to receive conferencing services, the method comprising at least the following:

receiving at least one request from the given conference call host via a telecommunications device to enroll in conferencing services;

receiving data representing at least one unique identifier relating to the given conference call host via the telecommunications device and loading the at least one unique identifier into an input of a data store of a system to process further incoming requests, wherein the at least one unique identifier is a physical or virtual location from which the given conference call host can initiate communications to access conferencing services and wherein the at least one unique identifier can be cross-referenced with a plurality of unique identifiers distinctive to and associated with the conferee stored in the data stores of the system;

providing data retrieved from an output of the data store of the system, ~~via computer or processor-based servers~~ representing access information ~~to for~~ the given conference call host,

wherein the given conference call host is provided direct access to a given conference call using the access information; and

configuring at least one component determined by the output of the data stores of the system based on the received input of the data stores of a the system related to supporting the at least one given conference call to connect the given conference call host directly to the given conference call in response to recognition of at least one of the access information from the given conference call host.

9. (original) The method of claim 8, wherein receiving data includes receiving data representing the at least one unique identifier associated to at least one device from which the given conference call host may originate at least one request to access the given conference call.
10. (original) The method of claim 8, wherein receiving data includes receiving a unique telephone number to be dialed by the given conference call host.
11. (original) The method of claim 8, wherein receiving data includes receiving data representing the unique identifier from the given conference call host.
12. (original) The method of claim 8, wherein receiving data includes receiving data representing the unique identifier from a device associated with the given conference call host.
13. (original) The method of claim 8, wherein providing data includes providing at least one telephone number to the given conference call.
14. (original) The method of claim 8, wherein configuring at least one component includes configuring the component to connect the given conference call host directly to the given conference call in response to recognition of the access information and the at least one unique identifier.
15. (original) The method of claim 8, wherein receiving at least one request includes receiving at least one request from the given conference call host to subscribe to pre-paid conferencing services.

16. (original) The method of claim 8, wherein receiving at least one request includes receiving at least one communication from the given conference call host to subscribe to conferencing services.
17. (original) The method of claim 16, wherein receiving data representing at least one unique identifier includes automatically capturing the data representing the at least one identifier during the communication.
18. (original) The method of claim 17, wherein automatically capturing the data includes automatically capturing data identifying a handset from which the communication originated.
19. (original) The method of claim 18, wherein configuring at least one component includes populating at least part of a data store with the data identifying the handset.
20. (original) The method of claim 8, further comprising receiving data representing at least a further unique identifier being associated with at least a further handset from which the given conference call host may initiate at least one communication to access conferencing services.
21. (original) The method of claim 8, wherein receiving data representing at least one unique identifier includes receiving data representing a plurality of telephone numbers corresponding to a plurality of respective handsets from which the given conference call host may initiate at least one communication to access conferencing services.
22. (original) The method of claim 8, wherein receiving data representing at least one identifier includes receiving data representing at least one telephone number associated with a wired handset from which the given conference call host may initiate at least one communication to access conferencing services.
23. (original) The method of claim 8, wherein receiving data representing at least one identifier includes receiving data representing at least one telephone number associated with a wireless handset from which the given conference call host may initiate at least one communication to access conferencing services.
24. (original) The method of claim 8, further comprising providing to the given conference call host data representing at least a further telephone number, wherein the given conference call

host can access conferencing services to a given conference call by dialing at least the further telephone number.

25. (original) The method of claim 8, within providing data representing at least one telephone number includes providing data representing a telephone number dedicated to only the given conference call host.

26. (original) The method of claim 8, wherein providing data representing at least one telephone number includes providing data representing a telephone number shared by a plurality of conference call hosts.

27. (original) The method of claim 8, wherein configuring at least one component includes configuring at least one software component to connect the given conference call host directly to the given conference call in response to recognizing at least one of the telephone number and the at least one unique identifier in connection with at least one communication received from the given conference call host.

28. (original) The method of claim 8, wherein configuring at least one component includes loading at least data representing the at least one unique identifier into a data store supporting a process by which the given conference call host subscribes to conferencing services.

29. (original) The method of claim 8, wherein configuring at least one component includes loading at least data representing the at least one unique identifier into a data store so as to enable at least one software component to recognize the telephone number and the at least one identifier in connection with at least one communication received from the given conference call host.

30. (original) The method of claim 8, wherein configuring at least one component includes configuring at least one voice response unit to connect the given conference call host directly to the given conference call in response to recognizing the at least one unique identifier in connection with at least one communication received from the given conference call host.

31. (original) The method of claim 8, wherein configuring at least one component includes configuring at least one voice response unit to connect the given conference call host directly to the given conference call in response to recognizing at least the unique identifier and the

telephone number in connection with at least one communication received from the given conference call host.

32. (original) The method of claim 8, wherein configuring at least one component includes configuring at least one server to connect the given conference call host directly to the given conference call in response to recognizing at least the at least one unique identifier in connection with at least one communication received from the given conference call host.

33. (original) The method of claim 8, wherein configuring at least one component includes configuring at least one data store supporting at least one server that is adapted to connect the given conference call host directly to the given conference call in response to recognizing the at least one unique identifier in connection with at least one communication received from the given conference call host.

34. (original) The method of claim 8, wherein configuring at least one component includes configuring the at least one component to connect the given conference call host directly to the given conference call.

35. (original) The method of claim 8, wherein configuring at least one component includes configuring the at least one component to connect the given conference call host directly to an existing conference call.

36. (original) The method of claim 8, wherein configuring at least one component includes configuring the at least one component to connect the given conference call host directly to a new conference call created in response to receiving a communication from the given conference call host.

37. (original) The method of claim 8, wherein configuring at least one component includes configuring the at least one component to connect the given conference call host directly to the given conference call without any further input from the given conference call host.

38. (original) The method of claim 8, wherein configuring at least one component includes configuring the at least one component to connect the given conference call host directly to the given conference call without entry of any further data by the given conference call host.

39. (original) The method of claim 8, wherein configuring at least one component includes configuring the at least one component to connect the given conference call host directly to the given conference call without entry of any further data by the given conference call host, besides dialing a telephone number to access conferencing services.

40. (original) The method of claim 8, wherein configuring at least one component includes configuring the at least one component to connect the given conference call host directly to the given conference call by bypassing entry of at least one conference pass code by the given conference call host.

41. (currently amended) At least one program storage device readable by at least one machine, tangibly embodying a program of instructions executable by the machine to perform a method of enrolling at least one given conferee to receive conferencing services, the method comprising at least the following:

receiving at least one request from the given conferee, via a telecommunications device, to enroll in conferencing services;

receiving data, via the telecommunications device, representing at least one unique identifier relating to the given conferee, wherein the at least one unique identifier is a physical or virtual location from which the given conferee can initiate communications to access conferencing services and, wherein the at least one unique identifier can be cross-referenced with a plurality of unique identifiers distinctive to and associated with the conferee; configuring at least one processor to receive the data in response to recognizing the at least one unique identifier located in a data store of a system;

providing data representing one or more access information to the given conferee, wherein the given conferee can request access to a given conference call using the one or more access information and configuring the at least one processor to receive the data in response to recognizing the one or more access information located in the data store; and

configuring at least one ~~component~~ second processor of a system related to supporting the at least one given conference call upon identification of the conferee by the at least one processor to connect the given conferee directly to the given conference call in response to

recognition of at least one of the one or more access information and the at least one unique identifier in at least one communication from the given conferee.

42. (currently amended) Apparatus for enrolling at least one given conferee to receive conferencing services, the apparatus comprising at least the following:

a telecommunications device for receiving at least one request from the given conferee to enroll in conferencing services;

~~at least one hardware or software component~~ at least one first processor is communicably coupled to the telecommunications device, for receiving data representing at least one unique identifier relating to the given conferee, wherein the at least one unique identifier is a location from which the given conferee can initiate communications to access conferencing services, ~~and wherein, the at least one unique identifier can be cross-referenced with a plurality of unique identifiers distinctive to and associated with the conferee stored in the data stores of the system;~~

~~a server~~ wherein the at least one first processor is communicably coupled to the telecommunications device, for providing a data store representing at least one access information to the given conferee, wherein direct access to the given conferee is provided admission to a given conference call using the data store representing at least one access information; and

at least one ~~second processor component~~ of a system related to supporting the at least one given conference call configured to connect the given conferee directly to the given conference call in response to recognition of at least one of the access information and the at least one unique identifier received via the first processor in at least one communication from the given conferee.